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THINGS
CHANGE.

PEOPLE
CHANGE.

YOU.

ME.

EVERY
ONE OF
US... EVERY
DAY OF OUR
LIVES.

THE
DAY YA' ~~STOP~~
CHANGIN' --

-- IS
THE DAY YA' DIE.

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BUT YOU DON'T NEED ME TO TELL YOU THAT, CHUCK.

THAT'S THE WHOLE REASON YOU OPENED UP THE DOORS OF YOUR HOME TO US.

IT'S WHY YOU TOOK A HANDFUL OF MUTANTS AND DEDICATED YOUR LIFE TO TRAINING US...

...TO TURNING US INTO THE X-MEN.

YOU MAKE ME SOUND LIKE PROFESSOR CHARLES FRANCIS XAVIER, PATRON SAINT OF HOMO SUPERIOR.

BUT THAT'S NOWHERE NEAR THE CASE ANYMORE, IS IT, LOGAN?

IF IT EVER WAS...



THERE'S ALSO ONSLAUGHT.

THERE WILL ALWAYS BE ONSLAUGHT.



THAT THING WASN'T YOU, PROFESSOR... NOT ENTIRELY.

THE ONLY REASON HE EVEN HAPPENED AT ALL IS 'CAUSE YOU WERE TRYIN' TO SAVE MY LIFE!

MAGNETO YANKED OUT MY ADAMANTILUM SKELETON AND YOU DID WHAT YA HAD TO TO STOP HIM FR--

YES, WHAT IS THE EXPRESSION...?

"NO GOOD DEED GOES UNPUNISHED."



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KNOW *thy* ENEMY

IRONIC,
ISN'T IT?

IN A
SINGLE MOMENT
OF PROFOUND
ARROGANCE...

... I
DID MORE
TO DESTROY
ALL THAT WE'VE
WORKED
FOR...

... THAN
THE LEGION OF
ADVERSARIES WE'VE
FACED SINCE
OUR TRIALS
BEGAN.

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SO WHAT?

SO NOW
YOU'RE GONNA
TRY TO SQUEEZE
YOUR ENTIRE
LIFE INTO ONE
MISTAKE?

YOU'RE
GONNA TAKE
ALL THE GOOD
YOU'VE EVER
DONE --

-- ALL THE
TIMES YOU
SAVED THE
WORLD --

-- NO,
DON'T EVEN
GO THAT
FAR --

-- JUST
THINK OF ALL
THE SINGLE LIVES YA
CHANGED FOR THE
BETTER...

--AND
NOW, SUDDENLY,
NONE OF THAT IS
SUPPOSED TO MATTER?



LOOK, PROF --
NOBODY KNOWS
BETTER THAN I DO
WHAT IT MEANS
TO STRUGGLE
WITH YOUR INNER
DEMONS.

LOGAN...

...DO
NOT TRY TO
EQUATE YOUR
PAIN TO MY
OWN.



YOU WRESTLE A BEAST WITHIN
YOU. A NOBLE EFFORT TO
BE SURE, BUT IN THE LARGE
SCHEME OF THINGS, NO
DIFFERENT THAN WHAT
MANY OF US FACE DAY
TO DAY.

I
POSSESS --
I POSSESSED --
THE POWER TO
READ MINDS, TO WIPE
THEM CLEAN IF I CHOSE.
I COULD COMMAND
THEM TO DO
THAT WHICH I
WISHED.

DON'T
SEEK TO
TRIVIALIZE MY
EXPERIENCE BY
COMPARING
IT WITH YOUR
OWN.



HAI

NICE
TRY, CHUCK --
BUT I AIN'T
RISIN' FOR
THE BAIT.

I
THOUGHT I WAS THE
ORIGINAL KING OF
PUSHING PEOPLE
AWAY.



EVEN
WITHOUT
YOUR MENTAL
POWERS, YOU'RE
GOOD AT HEAD
GAMES, AIN'T
YOU?

YOU
HAVE NO
IDEA.



ELSEWHERE.

SPECIFICALLY, THE
MOUNTAIN OF PILE
AND RUBBLE THAT
WAS —

— UNTIL
RECENTLY —

— CENTRAL PARK IN
NEW YORK CITY.

HE IS CALLED
BASTION.

HE SEES HIMSELF AS THE
LAST LINE OF DEFENSE
IN HUMANITY'S EVER-
ESCALATING COLD WAR
WITH MUTANTS.

THE INTERNATIONAL
TASK FORCE WHICH
IS OPERATION: ZERO
TOLERANCE AGREES
WITH HIM.

SOON, HE AND HIS
OPERATIVES WILL
TIP THE TENUOUS
BALANCE OF GENETIC
POWER... FOREVER.

MUTANTS WILL AT LAST
BE HELD ACCOUNTABLE
FOR THEIR CRIMES...

... THE FOREMOST CRIME
BEING THE DAMAGE DONE
BY OVERSIGHT.

IT WAS HERE THAT
THE WORLD SAW
EARTH'S MIGHTIEST
HEROES SACRIFICE
THEIR LIVES —

— TO DESTROY A
MUTANT Foe THAT
THREATENED EVERY
LIVING BEING ON
THE PLANET.

CAPTAIN AMERICA,
THOR, IRON MAN,
AND THE FANTASTIC
FOUR AMONG OTHERS...
ARE SIMPLY NO MORE.

NOWHERE IS THE CRY
FOR VENGEANCE OF
THOSE HEROES MORE
VOCIFEROUS...

SEE CAPTAIN AMERICA
LAUNCH * Bob

... THAN IN THE VOICE
OF GRAYDON CREEP:

CANDIDATE FOR
PRESIDENT OF THE
UNITED STATES.

WHEN?

WHEN?



WHEN IS IT GOING TO BE ENOUGH?
WHEN IS IT GOING TO STOP?

THEY'VE TAKEN OUR HEROES.
HOW MUCH MORE CAN WE GIVE?

GLEAZE.
AS SPIDER-MAN, I LOST A LOT OF FRIENDS IN THAT FIGHT WITH ONSLAUGHT.



KLIK

AS PETER PARKER, FREELANCE PHOTOGRAPHER, I GET A FRONT ROW SEAT AS HE TURNS A TRAGEDY INTO A SOUND BYTE.



MY CANDIDACY ISN'T ABOUT QUESTIONS, THOUGH.

IT'S ABOUT ANSWERS.

CNN



I'LL TELL YOU WHEN IT STOPS.

IT STOPS TODAY!

E!



ALL I NEED IS ONE VOTE.

YOUR VOTE.

FOX

HOW CAN YOU NOT LOVE THIS GUY?

SONY



YOU CAN'T BE SERIOUS, JONAH.

THE MAN SELLS PAPERS, ROBBIE. YOU HAVE TO GIVE HIM THAT.

THE MAN'S A POLITICIAN. HE'LL SAY ANYTHING TO GET ELECTED --

-- AND HE'S SAYING IT TO THE LOWEST COMMON DENOMINATOR!

HE'S SPEAKING TO OUR FEAR, OUR PARANOIA OF ANYTHING THAT'S DIFFERENT.



I'VE BEEN IN CHARGE OF THE DAILY BUGLE FOR THE BETTER PART OF MY LIFE, AND I'M TELLING YOU...

...THERE'S... SOMETHING ELSE.



LOOK AT HIS EYES, ROBBIE.

THAT ANGER IS REAL. IT'S NOT JUST ABOUT GETTING HIS NAME IN THE HEADLINES.

HE'S DOING IT FOR A REASON.



I WONDER...

ROBBIE, GET ME EVERYTHING WE --

I'M ON IT, JONAH.

SOMEONE! GET ME URICH, STAN AND MURPHY... IN MY OFFICE, FIVE MINUTES AGO.

I'M TELLING YOU, ROBBIE -- THIS MIGHT BE THE BIGGEST STORY OF THE YEAR.



IF WE DON'T ACT NOW, ALL WE'LL HAVE LEFT IS NOTHING...



WELL,
THAT WAS
MATURE.

HERE I
AM, CYCLOPS --
SO-CALLED LEADER
OF THE X-MEN --
AND HOW DO I
USE MY OPTIC
BLASTS..?

AS
A SNOOZE
BUTTON?



MAYBE
JEAN WON'T
NOTICE.

RIGHT. THE
SECOND MOST
POW--

THE
MOST POWERFUL
TELEPATH IN THE
WORLD, AND I'M
TRYING TO KEEP
A SECRET.



HMP.

FOR AN INSTANT
THERE... THINGS
ALMOST FELT
LIKE THEY WERE
NORMAL
AGAIN.

AS IF
ANYTHING IN
MY LIFE HAS EVER
HAPPENED --

-- THAT I
CAN USE AS A
GUIDELINE FOR
NORMAL?



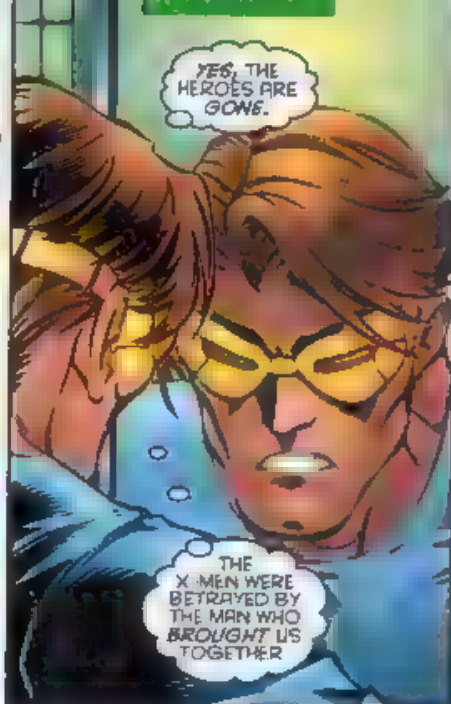


UNCANNY

IN SO MANY WAYS, THE WORLD HAS CHANGED COMPLETELY IN THE PAST WEEK

AND IN OTHER WAYS,

IT HASN'T CHANGED AT ALL



YES, THE HEROES ARE GONE.

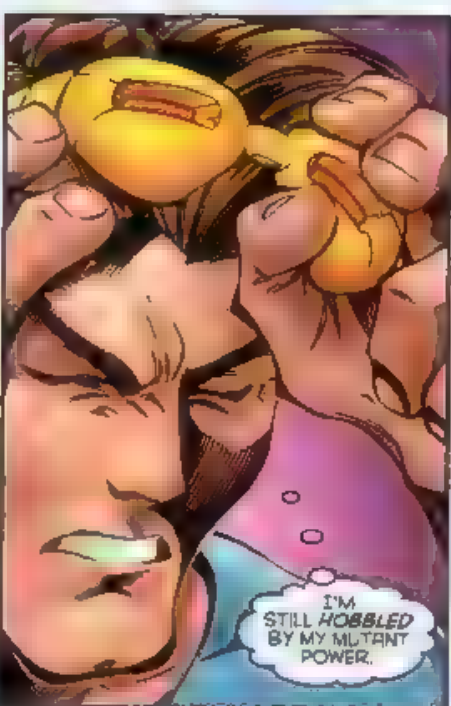
THE X-MEN WERE BETRAYED BY THE MAN WHO BROUGHT US TOGETHER



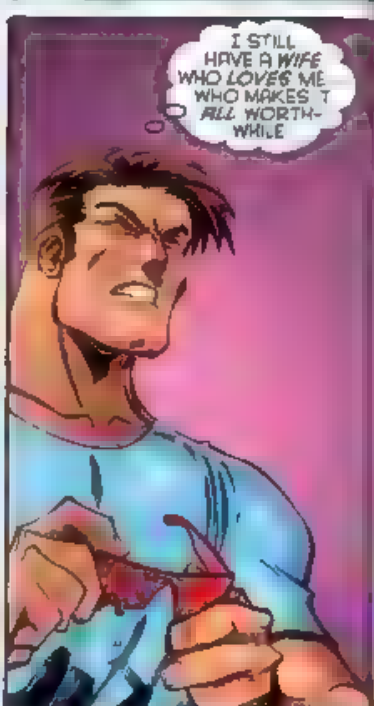
EVEN THE WEATHER IS JUST NOW COMING AROUND



BUT THE SMALL THINGS THE PRIVATE THINGS



I'M STILL HOBBLED BY MY MUTANT POWER.



I STILL HAVE A WIFE WHO LOVES ME WHO MAKES IT ALL WORTH-WHILE



AND -- SURPRISE, SURPRISE --

-- THE REST OF THE WORLD STILL WANTS TO KILL US ALL JUST BECAUSE WE'RE "DIFFERENT"

SOMEDAY, I JUST WANT TO KNOW: DIFFERENT FROM WHAT?



INCONCEIVABLE
FOR
WEEKS AS MY
DEVIAIT DOPPEL-
GANGER DELIGHTED
IN DECEIVING
YOU --

-- YOU
NEVER LAID
A HAND UPON THE
SO-CALLED "BLACK
BEAST."

FINALLY,
I LEAP BOUND
AND BEQUEATH YOU
WITH MY PRESENCE...
AND THIS 'S WHAT
I GET --

- ZAKTP!

SORRY,
HANK.
YOU
STARTLED
ME

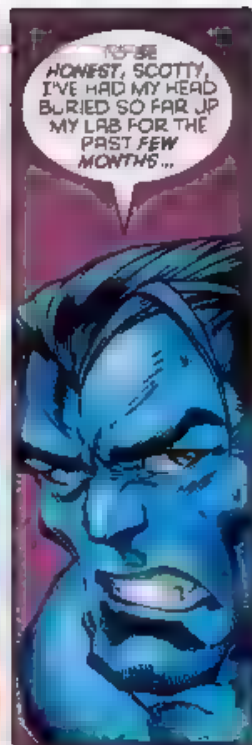
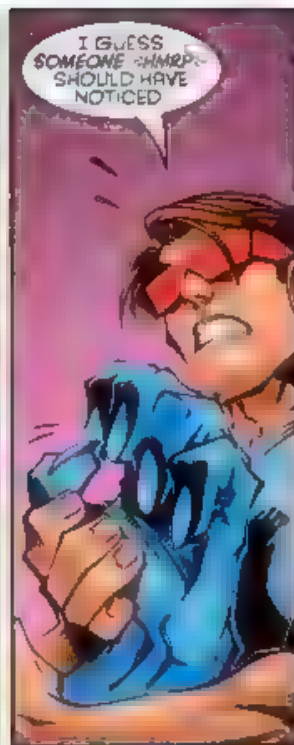
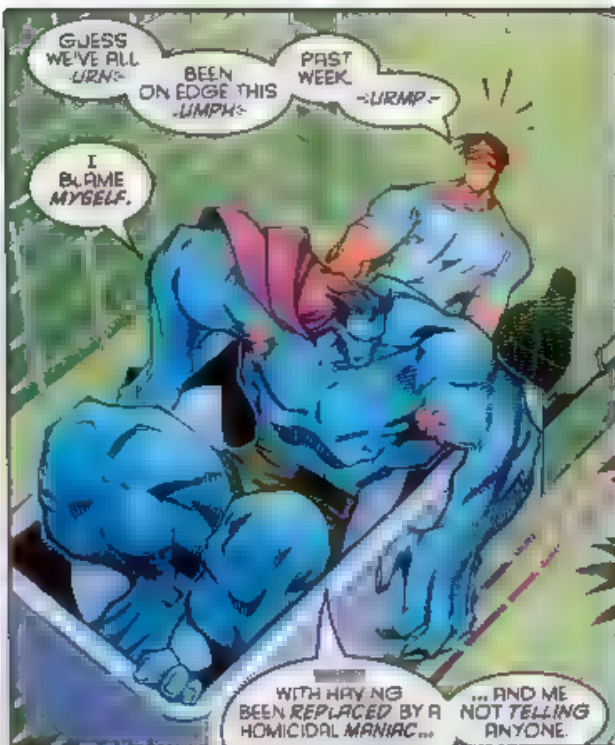
IMAGINE
HOW I
FELT?

I WAS
EXPECTING
THE MORE SEDATE
SALUTATION OF,
"MORNING, D' MCCOY
AREN'T YOU LOOKING
PARTICULARLY
BLUE THIS
DAY?"

"ZAKTP?"

IT BECAME AN

Bob

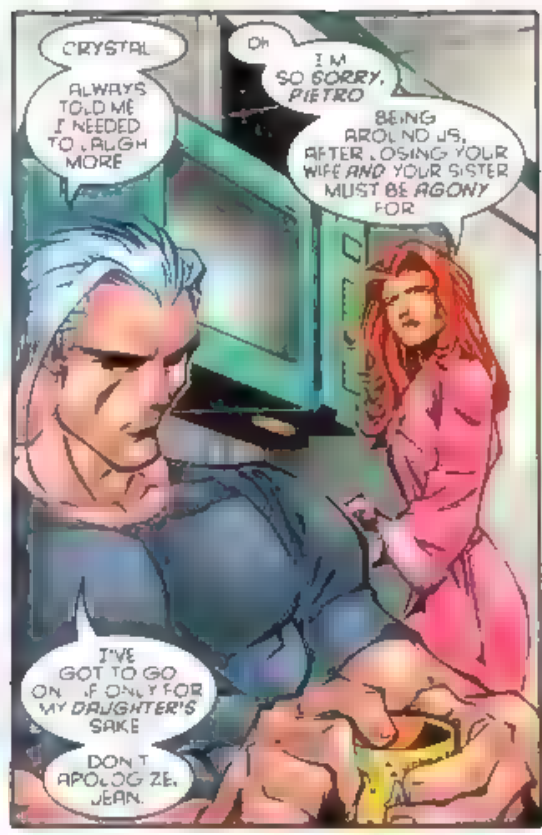




BOMP

KIDS
I DIDN'T KNOW FOR A FACT THAT THE ENTIRE WORLD HAS BEEN TURNED UPSIDE DOWN...

I'D SWEAR THINGS WERE BACK TO WHAT PASSES FOR NORMAL AROUND HERE
A WEEK AGO I DON'T THINK ANY OF US BELIEVED WE'D EVER HEAR THE SOUND OF LAUGHTER AGAIN



CRYSTAL
ALWAYS TOLD ME I NEEDED TO LAUGH MORE

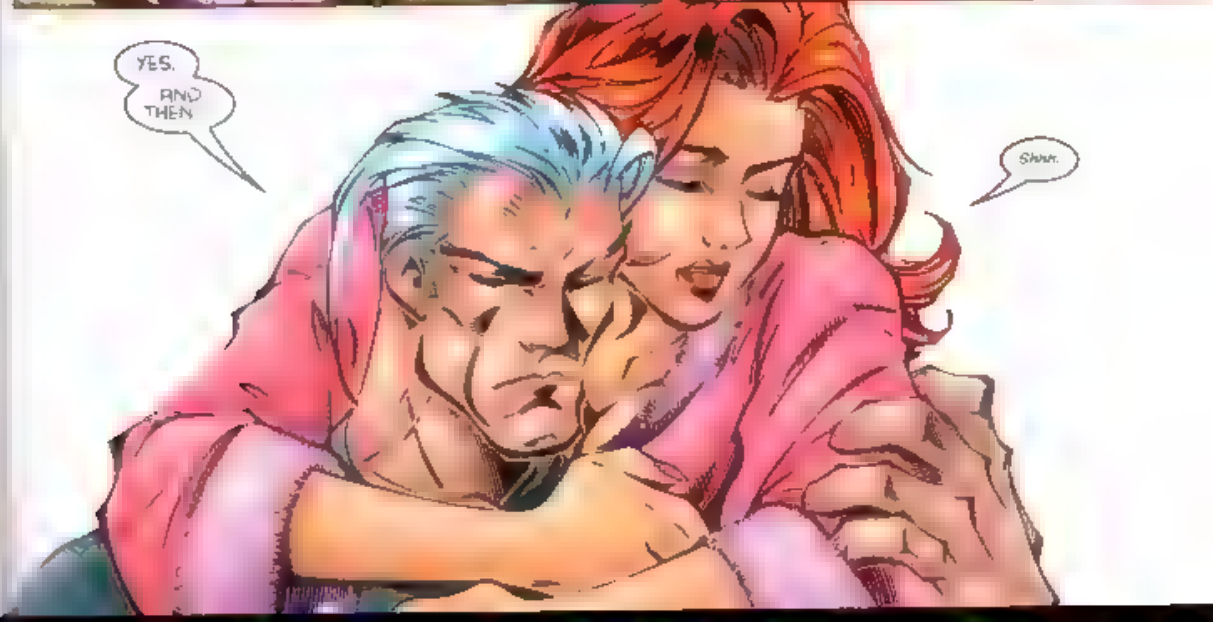
Oh
I'M SO SORRY, PIETRO
BEING AROUND US, AFTER LOSING YOUR WIFE AND YOUR SISTER MUST BE AGONY FOR

I'VE GOT TO GO ON... IF ONLY FOR MY DAUGHTER'S SAKE
DON'T APOLOGIZE, JEAN.



STAYING WITH YOU AND CYCLOPS HAS BEEN COMFORTING

YOU KNOW WE'RE ALL HERE FOR YOU AND LITTLE LUNA



YES.
AND THEN

Shhh.



LESS THAN AN INSTANT LATER

CLICK

JEAN?



ACHEM

WHA --PI

YES, WELL...

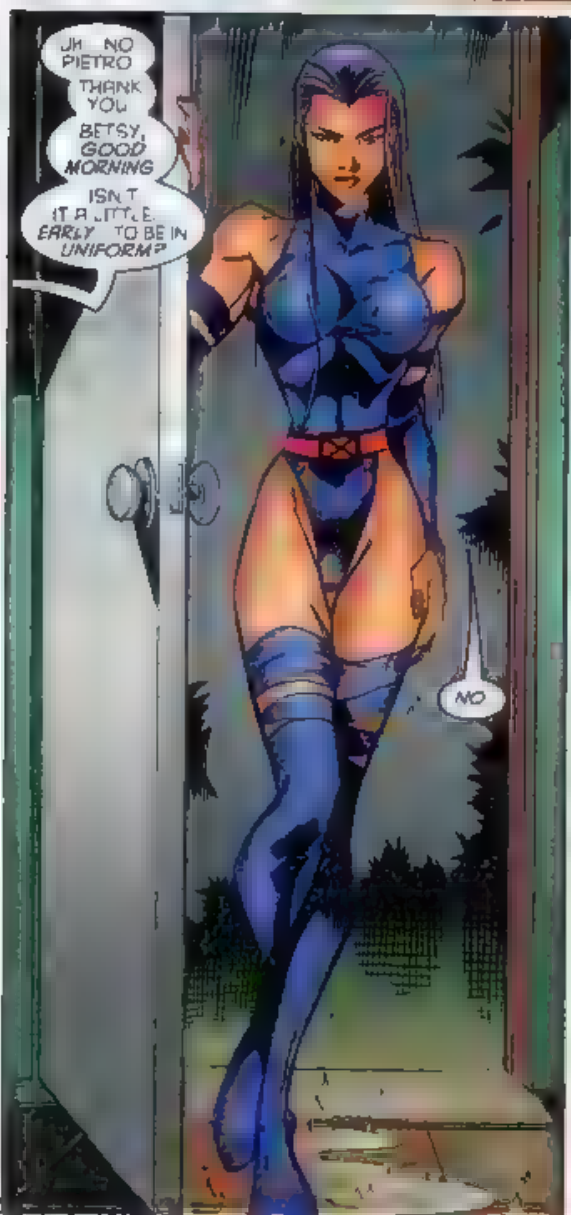
IS THERE..

ANYTHING ELSE...

...I CAN.

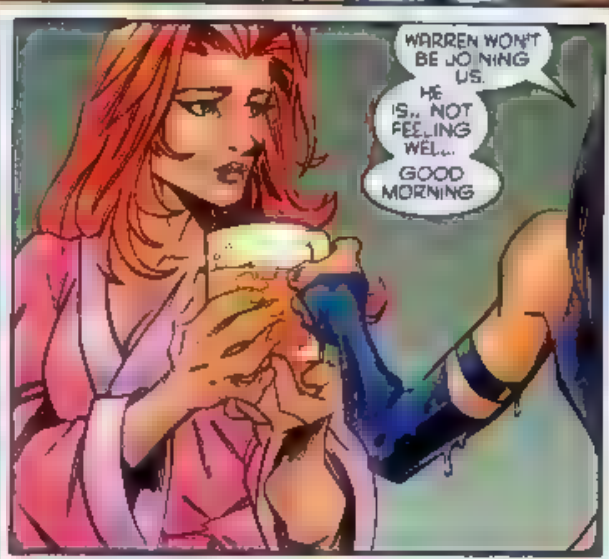
DO TO.

...HELP PREPARE...
...FOR BREAKFAST?

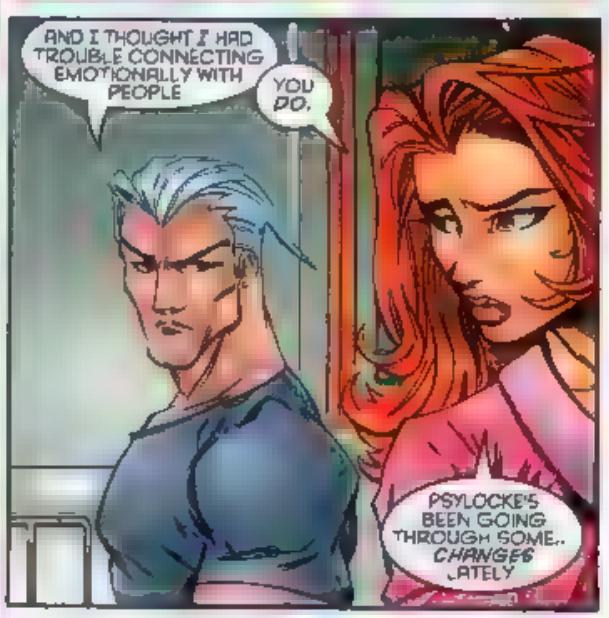


JM NO PIETRO
THANK YOU
BETSY, GOOD
MORNING
ISN'T IT A LITTLE
EARLY TO BE IN
UNIFORM?

NO



WARREN WON'T
BE JOINING US.
HE IS.. NOT
FEELING WELL...
GOOD MORNING



AND I THOUGHT I HAD
TROUBLE CONNECTING
EMOTIONALLY WITH
PEOPLE

YOU DO.

PSYLOCKE'S BEEN GOING
THROUGH SOME..
CHANGES LATELY

"I THINK IT IS
SAFE TO SAY,
JERN.

" THAT WE'VE ALL
BEEN CONFRONTED
BY CHANGE "



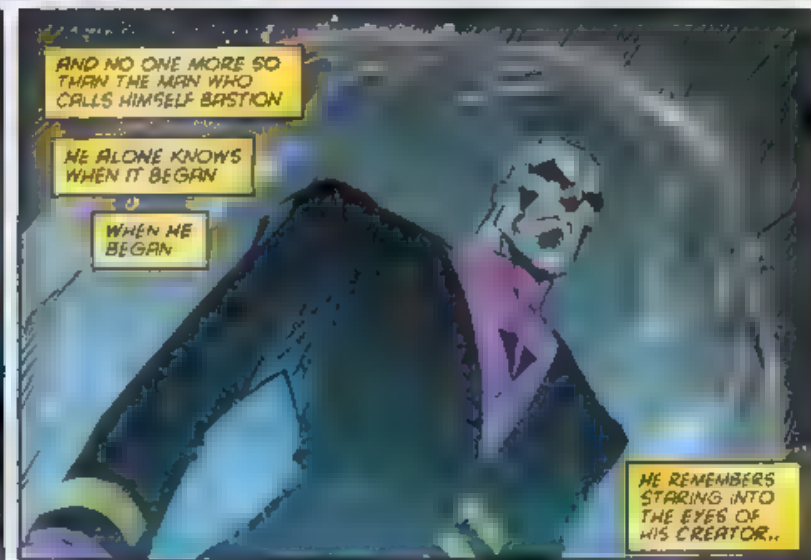
"TRUE WORDS,
QUICKSILVER."



AND NO ONE MORE SO
THAN THE MAN WHO
CALLS HIMSELF BASTION

HE ALONE KNOWS
WHEN IT BEGAN

WHEN HE
BEGAN



HE REMEMBERS
STARING INTO
THE EYES OF
HIS CREATOR..

...AND KNOWING FULLY,
TO THE DEPTHS OF HIS
SOUL, HIS REASON FOR
BEING

IN THAT WAY,
HE IS BOTH
BLESSED --

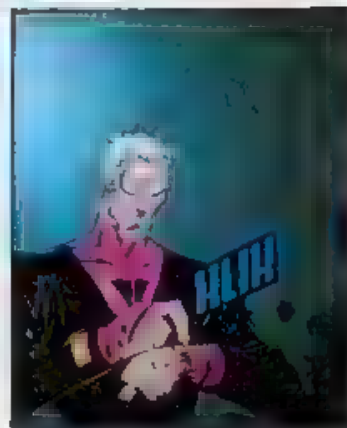
CURSED.



HE KNOWS HE MUST
WIN THE GENETIC
WAR WHICH LOOMS
ON THE HORIZON



BY ANY MEANS
NECESSARY





Cra Free

Go to your participant's
You & your



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ALMOST FROM THE MOMENT
THAT SOMEONE ELSE'S
STRAY THOUGHT PASSED
THROUGH MY MIND
UNBIDDEN --

-- SINCE
THE MOMENT
I KNEW I WAS
DIFFERENT --

-- I
UNDERSTOOD I
HAD A RESPONSIBILITY
TO THOSE AROUND ME
SPECIFICALLY PEOPLE
WITHOUT MUTANT
ABILITIES

SO HOW
DID WHAT
HAPPENED WITH
ONSLAUGHT
AFFECT
THAT?

NEARLY
THIRTY PEOPLE
SACRIFICED THEIR
LIVES TRYING TO
STOP HIM.

NOT TO
MENTION THE
TERROR FACED
BY INNOCENTS
ACROSS THE
WORLD --

-- OR
THE FACT
THE CITY OF
NEW YORK WAS
ESSENTIALLY
CRIPPLED

IN
MANY
WAYS, I AM
RESPONSIBLE
FOR ALL OF
THAT

THEN
LET'S DO
SOMETHING
ABOUT IT.
PROF

LET
US IN

LET US
HELP





FIN'LY.

I KNEW IF I WORE DIS TRENCH COAT LONG ENOUGH... IT'D EVENT'LY COME IN HANDY.

SO WHERE IS EVERYBODY?



EVERYBODY?

AS IN "EVERYBODY WHO ISN'T HERE."

C'MON, GAMBIT. YOU CAN SAY IT. ALOUD.

NOT THAT YOU HAVE TO.

ALRIGHT ALREADY!

WHERE'S SAM?
AND ROGUE AND MAGNETO?

JOSEPH DIDN'T FEEL QUITE COMFORTABLE BEING AROUND EVERYONE JUST YET --



MERC!

-- SO ROGUE TOOK HIM INTO SALEM CENTER FOR BREAKFAST.

I WONDER WHY.



AND SAM?

SAM PASSED BECAUSE HE ASSUMED MAGNETO WAS GOING TO BE HERE.

SEE, "MAGNETO", RIGHT?

SO WHY'S EVERYBODY CALLIN' HIM "JOSEPH"?

WHAT 'S DAT ALL ABOUT?



BETSY, COULD YOU --
-- PASS THE... SALT?
HERE.

TIK TAK

CUTE, DRAKE.
REAL CUTE.

WHA --?/
WHAT'D I DO!

SCOTT, HE'S NOT COMING -- IS HE?

MAYBE I SHOULD JUST START CALLIN' MYSELF SOMETHIN' DIFFERENT.

JAMES.

GAMBIT
NO, I'M JAMES.

PROBABLY NOT, BUT THE PROFESSOR KNOWS WE'RE HERE.

FOR NOW, THAT'LL HAVE TO BE ENOUGH.

